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Applicant: William Bush et al.  
Title: THREAD SUSPENSION SYSTEM AND METHOD USING TRAPPING INSTRUCTIONS  
Application No.: 09/986,231 Filed: October 22, 2001  
Examiner: Steelman, Mary J. Group Art Unit: 2122  
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- ☒ Interview Summary (2 page(s))
- ☐ Petition for Extension of Time (      month) (      page(s))
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (      page(s)), including PTO/SB0/8A and/or PTO/SB/08B (      page(s)), and copies of      reference(s)
- ☐ Other: (      page(s))
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- ☒ Return postcard;

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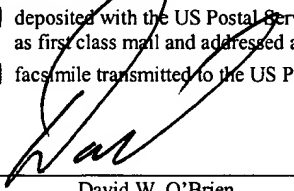


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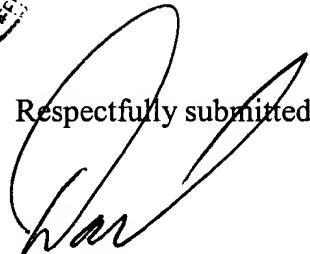
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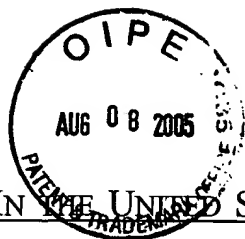
  
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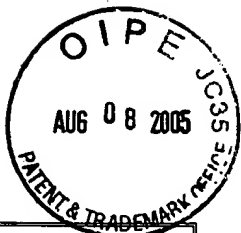
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### INTERVIEW SUMMARY

On August 2, 2005, Examiner Steelman contacted the undersigned to discuss the above-identified application. Applicant's February 22, 1999 priority date and its relevance to the content of prior art was discussed. Each of the independent claims was briefly reviewed and Examiner suggested that inclusion, in the independent claims, of additional limitations related to VLIW embodiments might result in allowance. Applicant maintained that claims were allowable with or without any such additional limitations. Examiner Steelman suggested a minor clarification to claim 42, which Applicant indicated would be acceptable. No specific prior art was discussed and no agreement was reached.



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